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BLOOMFIELD REALTY

ATTRACTING ATTENTION OF SPECULATORS AND INVESTORS.

An Expert Says the Town is Handicapped by Low Price of Property—Many Real Estate Development Prospects Under Way—Opportunity for Good Investment.

While many new houses have been built in this town during the past year, and many more are now under way and projected, yet in the aggregate building activity here has not been nearly as great as in Roselle, the Oranges and Montclair. A real estate dealer in commenting on the fact that Bloomfield really is not in as much demand as in the Oranges and Montclair for home building purposes, says it is due to the cheapness of Bloomfield property. This same realty expert says that Montclair, Glen Ridge and East Orange property adjoining Bloomfield commands from \$80 to \$50 per front foot, while equally as good property in Bloomfield is difficult to sell at \$15 to \$25 per foot. Contemplated purchasers, it is said, are afraid of Bloomfield property on account of its low price, because they attribute some blemish to it.

The alleged prejudice against Bloomfield property is happily passing away. Outside speculators who have been operating in other towns are turning their attention to Bloomfield, and think they have found a fertile field for profitable speculative building.

That Bloomfield property is going to enhance in value is absolutely certain. It is apparent that if the projected real estate enterprises are carried out the Town Council will be impeded to make such projects possible by extending the water, light and sewer systems, for these things are absolutely essential towards making property salable. The development of tracts of property necessitates the opening of streets, and will result in petitions to the Council to accept such streets.

Members of the Council in acting on these matters will no doubt take a broad view of the situation, and endeavor to ascertain as fully as possible the extent to which the town in general will be benefited by the extension of the public utilities and improvement of new streets.

Awakened interest in Bloomfield realty has not been confined to residential property. Numerous stories are current about offers made for business property at the centre of the town and property approximately to the Centre, but in reality there is nothing startling about such figures as three hundred dollars per front foot for property at the Centre. At Montclair Centre they talk about five hundred dollars per front foot. If visions of one hundred dollars per foot for property at Watessing Centre are entertained, there is ample justification for the three hundred dollar figure at the Main Centre.

Bloomfield real estate will be better than Wall Street, one enthusiast exclaimed, when he heard of the offer made for some of the properties at and near the Centre. There is much truth in the remark.

Artistic Musicals.

Interest in local musical circles is centered in the musicals to be given in Jarvis Memorial Hall on Thursday evening, April 5th. The high reputation of the artists who will appear makes the event one of unusual importance. They are: Ward Stephens, pianist; Miss Ida Mae Pierpont, soprano; Miss Florence Flak, contralto; Bertrick J. Van Norden, tenor; J. Humbird Duffy, baritone. Mr. Stephens, a pianist of international reputation, needs no introduction to the Bloomfield people; his delightful work here with the Banner-Kronold string quartette two years ago is still fresh in the minds of all who heard him. Miss Pierpont is also well known in Essex county, having been for years soprano soloist in the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, leaving there to fill a similar position in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. Miss Flak is a contralto of unusual ability and well known in New York musical circles. Mr. Van Norden is widely known among musical people, having been a member of the Olive concert company in a tour of the United States. Mr. Duffy commends himself to all who heard him last year with Madam Schumann-Haak in "Love's Lottery."

The musicals are under the direct management of Mr. Stephens and that gives an assurance that it will be artistic in all its details.

The ladies' committee of Westminster Presbyterian Church in charge of arrangements consists of Mrs. H. E. Richards, Mrs. E. O. Boush, Mrs. A. B. Van Liew, Mrs. P. A. Boyd, Mrs. Benjamin, Mrs. George W. Cook, Jr., Miss Newton, Miss Sutton.

Tickets may be obtained from any member of the committee or at George Wood's drug store.

Easter cards, post cards, leather cards; fifty local views; three for five cents. New cards received every day at GRANT'S post card store.—Adv.

A Dog Case.

The suit of Wilson D. Lyon of Glen Ridge against Vincent A. Ryan of the same place, in which the former sought to recover damages from the latter in a dog case, was tried before Justice of the Peace George M. Cadmus, and Samuel W. Boardman appeared for Mr. Lyon and Assemblyman William P. Martin for Mr. Ryan.

The plaintiff alleged that the defendant's big St. Bernard dog Danger had attacked and severely injured Mr. Lyon's pet fox terrier dog Spottie. The latter was a mute witness, being placed on a table while Dr. Frederick C. Artopoulos, who had attended the little animal, exhibited the scars alleged to have been the result of Danger's attack. Others who testified to the viciousness of Danger were the owner of Spottie and Mrs. Lyon, Theodore East, Clarence Place, clerk of the borough, W. U. Board, Roland Hunter, B. H. Lehart, John Sherman and Dr. F. C. Artopoulos.

Some of the above also testified to having seen the attack, and of its awful consequences. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan testified that Danger was of a playful nature and would not attack man or beast without cause. They did not deny the allegation that Danger had inflicted the injuries sustained by the little fox terrier. Assemblyman Martin asked for a non-suit on the grounds that the attack had been made on the public highway, and by one brute upon another, and not upon a person. His request was denied by Justice Cadmus.

Mr. Boardman graphically described the attack and told of the sufferings of Spottie. After all the testimony was in and Justice Cadmus had charged the jury that they should not be swayed by sentiment or sympathy, but must judge according to the evidence produced, the members of the jury filed into the little back room to deliberate. It was 12:25 o'clock when the jury retired, but it was not until 3 o'clock that they arrived at a decision, awarding the plaintiff five dollars damages and costs. Richards E. Schuyler was foreman of the jury.

There was no fire in the jury room, and through the thin partition could be heard the men arguing with each other and going over the various phases of the case. The plaintiff's "expert" kept roasting by stamping loudly, the latter being down presumably to keep warm. It was evident that they could not agree. In the meantime, both plaintiff and defendant, with Assemblyman Martin and Mr. Boardman, appeared to be on the friendly side of terms, and talked on different subjects, but not about dogs.

The jurymen were cold and hungry, and several times knocked on the door leading to the court room and informed Constable William Fornoff that there was no chance of an agreement between them. The constable in turn told Justice Cadmus, but the latter was of the opinion that some decision could be reached. At different intervals a knock came from the jury room and the door was opened, the Justice thinking that they had arrived at an agreement. "We are cold and hungry," came the cry. "Let us out, Judge, please, for we can not agree." The Justice was obdurate, however, and so it continued. The jury room grew colder and the stamping grew louder.

"Please let us out, Judge, we have business to look after," was the cry again. The court-room also grew cold and the spectators vanished. Plaintiff, defendant and the lawyers walked up and down Bloomfield avenue to keep warm. Later Mr. Lyon bought some cakes of chocolate, which he generously distributed to the defendant, Justice, lawyers and those remaining. Even Spottie got some of the dainties, but not the jurymen. They grew colder and more hungry and indulged in words that wouldn't look well in print. Justice Cadmus said: "Let them stay out a little longer; they'll agree all right," and his words came true. There came a knock at the door of the jury room and it proved to be the final one.

A Domestic Tragedy.

Michael Prill of Glenwood avenue had his wife Mary before Recorder Cadmus Tuesday night on a charge of assault. She is Prill's second wife, and he has a number of children by his first wife. They don't get along well together, and when she went to chastise the oldest boy, John, the latter shouted for his father, who went to his aid. Mrs. Prill was pushed against a stove and her hand was badly burned. She seized an iron pot and swung it right and left with telling effect. The Prills, young and old, went down and out.

Surprise Party.

A surprise party was given to Miss Sophie Broyn of Williamson avenue on Thursday evening, it being the anniversary of her birthday. A number of friends were present from Newark, Montclair, New York city and this town. Miss Brown was the recipient of a number of nice presents.

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WATESSING LIBRARY.

Attention of Watessing People Called to a Future Possibility—A Carnegie Branch Library Will Probably be Established in the First Ward of East Orange—Effect of Such a Project on the Watessing Institution.

A crisis seems to be impending in the affairs of the Watessing Free Public Library. There is a rumor, which some of those who should know best consider as good as fact, that Mr. Andrew Carnegie's offer of funds to build two branches for the East Orange Free Library will be accepted, and that one of these branches will be located in the First Ward of East Orange.

One consequence of the establishment of such a branch library in the First Ward would necessarily be a material decrease in the revenue of the Watessing Free Public Library. From the beginning of its history twenty years ago, the greater number of those who have used the library have been residents of Bloomfield, but during the whole of this period, and especially during the past twelve years, much of the larger part of the financial support of the library has come from East Orange. It is very unlikely that the friends of the library who have furnished this support will be willing to continue their donations if they are at the same time paying taxes for the maintenance of a branch library that will meet the needs of those residents of East Orange who have been accustomed to make use of the Watessing Library, and the burden of support will necessarily be thrown upon that section of Bloomfield that has for so long a time benefited by the library at comparative small cost.

It is as yet uncertain that events will take this shape. Mr. Carnegie's gift cannot be received unless the city of East Orange makes provision by taxation for the expense of maintaining these two branch libraries; and even if this condition of the gift is complied with, it is not certain that the First Ward will be chosen as the recipient of a benefit for which Amper and Elmwood are asking, with apparently better foundation for their claim than can be shown by the First Ward. But if the crisis should arrive, it will be necessary for the Watessing Library Association to act promptly in view of the altered circumstances, and it will be well for the residents of Watessing to decide whether they can take care of their library without the help of East Orange, or whether they will allow the discontinuance of a word that has been an object of deep interest and untiring devotion to a few of their public-spirited citizens for a score of years.

Weed-Walker.

A wedding took place Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Abraham S. Walker in Spruce street, when his daughter, Miss Katharine Walker, was united in marriage to William Weed of Union City, N. Y. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Charles S. Woodruff, pastor of the Park M. E. Church. The parlor was decorated with potted plants, palms and daisies. The bride was attired in a traveling suit of gray and carried roses. James Norwell was best man. The bridesmaid was Miss Lucy H. Walker, a sister of the bride. She was gowned in white organdie and carried pink carnations. Lewis B. Walker of Cambridge, Mass., was an usher. A reception followed, after which the couple left for their future home in New York State. They received handsome presents.

Eric's New Boat.

The fourth of the Eric service was received from her builders last Saturday. She is called Chautauqua, and after a trial run up the Hudson and experimental trips on Sunday, went into regular service on the Chamber street line on Monday morning.

No speed test has yet been made, but in practical work the Chautauqua is the peer of any of the Eric fleet as she is their superlative in finish. Her fore and aft bulkheads separating the cabins from the wagon ways are of steel, thus insuring safety to passengers in case of fire. Plans for the other new boats of the Eric's fleet for use at the new ferry-house now building at Twenty-third street await the determination of what may be decided when the new tunnel and terminal systems are nearer completion and their requirements ascertained.

Birthday Reception.

Hazel Ellor, daughter of Mrs. Edwin Ellor, was given a reception in honor of her fifth birthday Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Ellor was assisted in entertaining the little folks by Mrs. Wm. MacKnight, Mrs. Nicholas Dunnigan and Miss Mary Ellor. These presents were Madeline Mack, Marian and Charlotte Henderson, Elizabeth Longshaw, Clifford Ellor, Florence and Ethel Ellor, George and Arthur Robinson, Alice Bradley, Kenneth Eastman and Florence Dunnigan.

POLITICAL PLAY.

United States Senatorship a Centre of Interest—Senator Colby's Adherence May Again Appeal to Voters—Effect of Such an Act on the Senatorship.

Will the advocates of equal taxation and limited franchises be compelled to appeal to the people again in the fall for the election of legislators unequivocally pledged to those peculiar issues? There is an impression that the equal tax and franchise legislation of the present Legislature will not prove satisfactory. It is not the Colby kind of legislation in either instance, and the Colby members of the Legislature are not responsible for it.

As matters stand now it looks as if equal tax and limited franchise advocates will have to ask the people for stronger support next fall, and in more countries than Hudson and Essex.

If an appeal is made and it meets with loyal response from the people, what will be the effect in the choice of a United States Senator to succeed Senator John F. Dryden? It seems to be admitted now that Governor Stokes will be a candidate for U. S. Senator against Mr. Dryden, in spite of the constitutional objections in his way. He has heard the discussion of his name for months without a demur, and if he means to keep out of the contest he should have made his declaration before this. There is at present no other candidate in opposition to Mr. Dryden. It was supposed that former Governor John W. Griggs would appear, but since he acted as counsel for Mr. Dryden's company, the President, in the hearings at Trenton, it is taken for granted that he is not inclined to oppose him, and could not do so if he would. If any man in a prominent position ever had any prospect of making an independent fight for Senatorial office in Mark Fagan, but there is no sign that he has any such ambition.

The greatest factor in the Senatorship contest is as yet undetermined. If a bill establishing legislative districts in place of the present county system is enacted, and if sustained by the Court of Errors and Appeals, candidates for the Assembly will be chosen by district conventions, and upon the success of the candidates so selected in controlling these bodies, the district will depend. It is not, however, at all certain that the district bill will pass. Governor Stokes has favored it, but it is said that his ardor has cooled of late, and that he now regards the plan as likely to be injurious to his own success, instead of being the means of victory, as his friends hoped. It is said that he had expected Essex would develop a hopeless quarrel over the district lines, but when the county committee was directed to withdraw its opposition to the Colby party's plan, there was great disappointment, and a noticeable indifference to the future of the measure was at once made manifest.

Sons of Veterans.

At a meeting of John J. H. Love Camp, No. 12, of Montclair, held a class muster Thursday evening and the following candidates were mustered in: John N. Dehagen, Harry L. Osborne, Wm. H. Dehagen, Jr., Frank J. Cadmus, Aaron Dehagen, Clarence Williams, Mark L. White, Edwin Morrison, Wm. F. Warner, Wm. Warner, Chas. J. Warner, David Jones. Speeches were made by Commander Robbins, Secretary Hopper, Commander Weeks, Bell, Sheppard and Jacobus, Past Commander Capt. Ahrens and Commander Thomas of Camp No. 1, Hoboken.

Death of Mrs. Murphy.

Dr. Jane H. Murphy, formerly of 110 Newark avenue, died Wednesday at the New Haines Home for the Aged in Watessing avenue, from a complication of diseases. She had been in the institution about a month and was in the eighty-fifth year of her age. Mrs. Murphy had not practiced her profession for years, but had resided at the home of Mrs. James H. Albion. She was one of the oldest members of the Fifth Baptist Church, Newark, and the Rev. Mr. Stanley conducted the services. Dr. Murphy's husband is Edwin J. Murphy.

Death of Jane Law.

Miss Jane Law, aged 80 years, died at her home, No. 249 Broad street, Monday. The funeral services took place Thursday afternoon, and was conducted by Rev. Dr. Charles S. Woodruff of the Park M. E. Church, of which Miss Law was a life-long member. Miss Law was born in England 80 years ago. She was in the employ of David Oakes in his wooden mills along the Third River, and later in the employ of Thomas Oakes. Altogether she had worked for the Oakes family for about thirty-one years. Miss Law was a teacher in the Park M. E. Sunday-school for half a century.

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Fine Musicals.

A musicals was given in the First Presbyterian Church Monday night as the final entertainment in the series conducted during last fall and winter by the Church Guild. It was interesting throughout and provided a fitting close to another successful season of the Guild. Those who took part were: Miss Elise Stevens, soprano; Mme. Adeline Rosini, harp; Edward Johnson, tenor; Modest Altschuler, cello, and S. Archer Gibson at organ and piano.

The programme was generous in numbers, so much so in fact that it was stated that no encore would be given. But the rule was broken in reference to Mr. Johnson, whose singing proved one of the best features of the evening. He made such a fine impression with his group of three songs on his second appearance that the audience demanded an extra number and obtained it in the shape of a Scotch ballad. Mr. Johnson's three selections were "Mother o' Mine," "Tours," "Proposals," Gibson, with the composer at the piano, and Van der Stucken's "O Come with Me." On his first appearance he sang an aria from "La Boheme" with excellent effect.

The presence of Mr. Gibson lent special interest to the affair because of his prominence as a player and composer. His solo offerings consisted of a Guitmant "Grand Chorus," aided by the cello and harp, Franck's "Prayer," "The Swan," by Saint-Saens, an intermezzo by Bizet and Handel's Largo.

Miss Stevens disclosed the attractions of her pleasing voice in Braga's "Angels Serenade" and Gounod's arrangement of the Bach "Ave Maria," both with trio accompaniment. In addition there was a harp solo, a ballad by Dupont, and two cello solos, Popper's Gavotte, and a Tschakowsky nocturne.

Base-Ball.

A meeting was held in Fairview Grammar School Thursday for the organization of the Bloomfield Grammar School Base-Ball League. The meeting consisted of three members from each school. They elected Mr. H. Pettit president of the league, also a finance and schedule committee to attend to the different matters of the club. The schedule is as follows: Bloomfield vs. Center, April 11; Watessing vs. Berkeley, April 12; Fairview vs. Watessing, April 13; Fairview vs. Center, April 13; Berkeley vs. Brookside, April 19. The schools have promising candidates for strong teams, and many exciting games are expected.

The Bloomfield High School base-ball team will play its first game of the season with Montclair High School at Williamson avenue on Wednesday, April 4, at 3 o'clock. Saturday, April 7, the High School team will play the Newark High School at Williamson avenue.

Runaway Accident.

Mrs. Charles Lucas and her young daughter were slightly injured in a runaway accident Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Lucas was driving a bay horse attached to a light buggy and the horse got frightened on Bloomfield avenue, near the Centre, and ran up Broad street to Beach, to Walnut, and near the Erie station ran down an embankment, upsetting the buggy and the occupants were thrown out. The animal got on the railroad track at Walnut street and ran as far as Willett street.

The approach of a west-bound train caused the horse to leave the track at Willett street and then it crossed the bridge over the pond at the Nucoa. Butter works to Mill street and then turned into Harrison street, crossing the bridge over the Morris Canal. The animal finally stopped exhausted in Belleville. It was taken in charge by Arthur Smith and Lawrence Shorter, Jr., who had followed the horse from the railroad station.

Basket-Ball.

The boys of Christ Church choir defeated the boys of Jarvis Memorial in a game of basket-ball on the courts of the gymnasium Wednesday afternoon by a score of 20 to 9. The line-up follows:

Christ Church.	Jarvis Memorial.
East Delhagan	center
Rayner	right forward
Boucher	left forward
Gentle	right guard
	left guard

May Lower Tax Rate.

Assemblyman Charles R. Underwood is quoted as saying that the Perkins bill which has been passed by the Legislature will materially reduce the local school appropriation and thereby cause a slight reduction in the tax rate.

Senate Bill 109.

Senate bill No. 108 now before the Legislature will take the place of the Hillary maximum tax law, and is said to be a much better taxing law. The new bill will provide a maximum tax rate reached by a gradual process.

Have your lawn mower put in shape by S. F. Townsend through Frontapfel Bros., Bloomfield Centre.—Adv.

FREIGHT TROLLEYS

A POSSIBILITY OF THE NEAR FUTURE

Steam Railroad Facilities for Handling Local Freight Taxed to the Utmost—The Trolley Freight Line Would Develop Much Property—Brookdale's Opportunity to Secure an Advantage.

Property along the lines of steam railroads that is available for factory purposes has greatly enhanced in value of late years. One reason of this is that railway sidings afford facilities for shipping factory products and for receiving needed supplies. It is said that the Lackawanna company does not care to place any more sidings along the Bloomfield branch, and when track elevation or depression, whichever it may be, goes into effect, existing sidings may be eliminated and freight business centred at the railroad company's freight yards. If the bill now before the Legislature making trolley lines freight carriers becomes a law, it will have an important effect on manufacturing interests. Trolley line sidings can easily be run into factory yards almost anywhere.

The trolley freight bill passed the Senate some time ago, was amended and passed in the House, and passed in the Senate in amended form. Leader Martin of the Essex delegation opposed it vigorously. He is one of the few Newarkers who have awakened to an adequate realization of the conditions that might be established under such a law. Despite the denial of Public Service officials that they have any plans in connection with the proposed law, he and others believe it would be very strange if they should neglect such opportunities as it would present.

In effect, the bill provides that any municipality may grant, by ordinance, permission to carry freight by trolley. There could be no harm in this if the officials in every municipality, where such permission might be desired, could be depended upon to grant no concession which might in any way conflict with the interests of the municipality and its taxpayers. Unfortunately, officials are men, with all the failings flesh is heir to, and corporations are corporations, with the same failings as men.

The possibilities are vast, and so are the dangers. Whether Newark and other cities now congested with trolley traffic that is constantly increasing in volume are prepared to take on the additional burden of freight traffic along the street car lines, is a question which has received all too little consideration. If Mr. Martin was justified in his fight he was entitled to much more generous support from Newarkers.

The benefits of the trolley freight system are too numerous to enumerate here. It is a step in traffic development which is bound to come. But it involves serious problems, especially for the larger municipalities, and it is by no means apparent that these will be solved adequately by a law passed directly, or indirectly, for the benefit of the rural communities.

Brookdale is a community that would essentially benefit by a combined passenger-freight trolley, and the petition from that locality for a trolley line should embrace all possible advantages at the beginning. The farm products of Brookdale could be speedily conveyed to Newark market by freight trolley and there is much laid along Third river that would make desirable factory sites if transportation facilities were afforded. If the Public Service Corporation goes into the business of carrying freight it should an additional line between Newark and this town.

Death of Mrs. Greenbank.

Mrs. Sarah Greenbank, aged 61 years, wife of John Greenbank, died at her home in Westcott street, East Orange, Tuesday morning, after a brief illness from paralysis. Mrs. Greenbank was well known in Watessing, owing to her long and active connection with the Watessing M. E. Church. She was a member of that church many years and took an active part in many lines of church work. She was a member of the Ladies Aid Society of the church, a Sunday-school teacher, a member of the Epworth League, and a member of the church choir. She is survived by her husband.

Newman Family Trouble.

The Bowman family troubles were aired in the police court Tuesday night. The Bowmans live in Grove street, and Mrs. Bowman had her husband arrested for creating a disturbance and calling her names. Recorder Cadmus had trouble in trying to keep the opposing factions quiet. Bowman said he paid rent for the house and wanted them all to get out, including his son-in-law and daughter. This they told the recorder they were more than willing to do.

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